

UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF DEFENDANTS <u>DARWIN DEASON AND DOUGLAS R. DEASON</u>

Defendants Darwin Deason and Douglas R. Deason file this Unopposed Motion for Continuance, and would respectfully show the Court as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to the Court's Second Amended Scheduling Order signed on May 18, 2007, the Joint Pretrial Order is due by July 13, 2007, a pretrial conference has been scheduled for July 20, 2007, and the case is set for jury trial on August 6, 2007.
- 2. Defendants' lead counsel, Mr. Steve Sumner has prepaid vacation plans to be in Hawaii between July 30, 2007 and August 11, 2007 to attend his niece's wedding in Maui, Hawaii from July 30 to August 2, 2007 and to celebrate his 38th wedding anniversary in Kona, Hawaii from August 2 to August 11, 2007. Mr. Sumner is not scheduled to return to Dallas until Saturday, August 11, 2007 and his first work day will be Monday, August 13, 2007. (*See*, Affidavit of Steve Sumner attached as Exhibit "1".)
 - 3. Defendants submitted their Joint Status Report on January 31, 2007. Mr. Sumner did

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not know his niece was to be married in Hawaii at that time. He had not made his plans to go to Hawaii and could not have known to include his vacation plans in the Joint Status Report.

- 4. Upon receipt of confirmation for Mr. Sumner's vacation plans, Defendants' counsel contacted the Clerk for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division and was informed that vacation letters were no longer accepted and that any scheduling issue would need to be addressed in a motion for continuance should it become necessary; therefore, Mr. Sumner did not submit a vacation letter to notify the court of his vacation plans.
- 5. By January 31, 2007, Defendants' co-counsel, Mr. David Pace did know his vacation plans and, as stated in the Joint Status Report filed on January 31, 2007, Mr. David Pace will be out of the country on a prepaid vacation with his teenage daughters between June 25, 2007 and July 16, 2007. Although, Mr. Sumner is lead counsel, and will be so at trial, Mr. Pace has assisted with the preparation of the case to date, and consequently, his participation in the preparation of the Joint Pretrial Order and preparation for trial would be beneficial to the Defendants' case. As the Honorable Court can see above, Mr. Pace will be out of the country until July 16, 2007 and the Joint Pre Trial Order is due on July 13, 2007.
- 6. For the reasons stated above, Defendants would herein respectfully request that the current trial setting and pretrial deadlines be continued for thirty to sixty days.
- 7. Counsel for Defendants, Mr. Steve Sumner, spoke with counsel for Plaintiffs, Mr. David Browde, who stated that Plaintiffs do not oppose the above Motion for Continuance. Counsel for Defendants has also conferred with counsel for Mr. David L. Neely, Mr. Steven Wilcox, who stated that Mr. Neely does not oppose the above Motion for Continuance.
 - 8. This motion for continuance is not sought for the purposes of delay, but rather that

justice may be served.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendants request the Court grant their Unopposed Motion for Continuance, and reset this case for trial at the Court's next available date 30 days following the currently scheduled August 6, 2007 trial setting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Sumner

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I hereby certify that I have conducted a conference with counsel for all parties regarding the matters presented in this Motion, and no parties oppose the relief requested in this Motion.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing motion was served upon all counsel of record in this cause on the 24^{th} day of May, 2007.

Filed 05/29/2007

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DALLAS

MICHAEL MARGOLIES, and ELAINE MARGOLIES, as trustee on behalf of the MARGOLIES	§ § 8	
FAMILY TRUST,	§	
Plaintiffs,	§	
	§	
v.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 03-CV0572-P
	§	
DARWIN DEASON,	§	
DOUGLAS R. DEASON, and	§	
DAVID L. NEELY,	§	
Defendants.	§	

AFFIDAVIT OF STEVE SUMNER

STATE OF TEXAS	§
	§
COUNTY OF DALLAS	§.

Before me, the undersigned notary public, on this day personally appeared STEVE SUMNER, a person whose identity is known to me. After I administered an oath to him, upon his oath he said:

- 1. "My name is Steve Sumner. I am over the age of eighteen, of sound mind, and capable of making this affidavit. The facts stated herein are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.
- 2. I have been a licensed attorney in the State of Texas since 1975. I have been admitted to practice in the Federal Northern District since May 1978. I am in good standing in all respects to practice in the State of Texas as well as the Federal Northern District of Texas.
- 3. I am lead counsel for Mr. Darwin Deason and Mr. Douglas R. Deason in the case captioned above.

- 4. On January 31, 2007, Defendants submitted a Joint Status Report. Had I known that I would have vacation plans that might conflict with the Court's scheduling order, I would have included my vacation plans in the Joint Status Report.
- 5. In January 2007, I was not aware that my niece planned to be married in Maui, Hawaii on August 1, 2007. In March, 2007, I learned of my niece's plans to be married in Hawaii. My wife and I made the decision to attend the wedding and we decided to also celebrate our 38th wedding anniversary on August 2, 2007 in Hawaii. As my American Airlines' itinerary reflects, as Exhibit A, I made our flight reservations on March 26, 2007. The itinerary also reflects our schedule to leave Dallas Fort Worth on July 30, 2007 to Maui, Hawaii. On August 2, 2007, we will fly to Kona, Hawaii to celebrate our anniversary and will return from Kona to Dallas on August 11, 2007. My first work day will be August 13, 2007.
- 6. I further attach, as Exhibit B, our hotel reservations in Maui, Hawaii at the Wailea Beach Marriot Resort which shows our reservations from July 30, 2007 to August 2, 2007 and, secondly, I attach as Exhibit C, our reservations to stay at the Four Seasons Resort Hualalai on the island of Hawaii. As is further shown on the itinerary, I was required to pay a substantial deposit of \$3,192, and I have since done so.
- 6. At the end of March, when my vacation plans were confirmed and finalized, I knew of no scheduling conflicts with any of my pending cases. In the past, I have submitted vacation letters to all the respective courts in order to notify the courts of my lack of availability during my vacation period; consequently, I instructed my paralegal to check websites and contact the Clerk's office for the Northern District of Texas to find out the policies and procedures for notifying the courts of my vacation plans. We were informed that vacation letters are "no longer accepted in the Northern District of Texas" and that, if there was a conflict, we were to file a motion for continuance. Consequently, because my plans for my vacation were not known or

confirmed until the end of March, and our Joint Status Report had been submitted at the end of January, and since vacation letters are no longer accepted by the courts in the Northern District of Texas, I was unable to notify the Court of my vacation plans prior to the Court's Second Amended Scheduling Order.

- 7. On May 18, 2007, The Court issued its Second Amended Scheduling Order which requires the Joint Pretrial Order to be due on July 13, 2007, a pretrial conference is scheduled for July 20, 2007, and the case is set for a jury trial on August 6, 2007. It was upon learning of the conflict between my vacation plans, and the trial setting, that precipitated this motion for continuance.
- 8. Mr. David Pace is my law partner and co-counsel in this case. In January of 2007, he did know of his vacation plans to take his two teenage daughters to Europe, and he did notify the Court of his plans in our Joint Status Report filed on January 31, 2007. As he pointed out in the Joint Status Report he will be out of the country from June 25, 2007 through July 16, 2007. Under the current Second Amended Scheduling Order, the Joint Pretrial Order is due on July 13, 2007. Mr. Pace has assisted me in the preparation of the case and his assistance is necessary in the preparation of the Joint Pretrial Order.
- 9. For the above reasons only, I herein request that the Joint Pretrial Order, as well as the trial setting, be continued to available dates 30 days following the current settings.

Steve Sumner

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this $\frac{\partial \mathcal{Y}^{+h}}{\partial \mathcal{Y}^{+h}}$ day of May 2007, to certify which witness my hand and official seal.



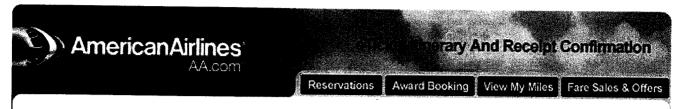
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Date of Issue: 26MAR07

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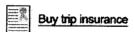
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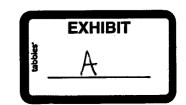
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ΑX	246	KONA	FRI 10AUG 10:45 PM	LOS ANGELES	6:45 AM	F
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A'A	1418	LOS ANGELES	SAT 11AUG 7:30 AM	DALLAS FT WORTH	12:40 PM	F
American Airlines	St	eve Sumner	FF#: C002300 PLT	First CI	Seat 3A	Breakfast

Receipt

PASSENGER	TICKET NUMBER	FARE-USD	TAX 7.50	TICKET TOTAL
STEVE SUMNER	0012131945873	0		7.50
ADDITIONAL SERVICES Telephone Ticketing Service		CU	RRENCY	AMOUNT
		USD		30.00
Payment Type: AAdvantage	e Certificate, Master Card XXXXXXXXXXXX9147			Total: \$37.50

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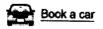
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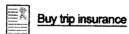
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Sent: Monday, March 26, 2007 6:44 PM

To: Steve Sumner

Subject: Wailea Beach Marriott Resort & Spa Reward Reservation Confirmation # 85864696



Wailea Beach Marriott Resort & Spa >> Confirmation number: 85864696

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Phone: 1-808-879--1922 Fax: 1-808-874--7888



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Dear STEVE SUMNER,

We are delighted to confirm your reservation using your **Marriott Reward Points.** Below please find details for your room reservation and reward confirmation.

Arrival Confirmation

Confirmation number: 85864696

Check-in: Mon, July 30, 2007 Check-out: Thu, August 02, 2007

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Room Information

Guests in room: 2 Name: STEVE SUMNER Marriott Rewards number: 324891571 SILVER MEMBER

Number of rooms: 1 Room type: Deluxe Oceanfront-Full view of Guarantee method:

Credit Card quarantee

Special request:

1 King Bed Resort Fee Applies Non-Commissionable Rate

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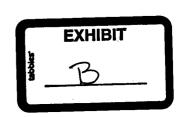
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Total points redeemed: 135,000 points
Reward certificate number and description:
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TWO-CATEGORY 7

Mon, July 30, 2007

Rate(s) quoted in: US Dollars Room rate: **300.00 per night** Plus tax when applicable

Rate program: Rewards Anytime Awards Upgrade

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To: Steve Sumner

Subject: Your Reservation for Arrival: 08/02/07 - Confirmation No: 505390



FOUR SEASONS RESORT

Hualalai at Historic Ka'upulehu

Guest Reservation Confirmation



Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sumner 3838 Oak Lawn Ave Ste 400 Dallas TX 75219 USA



Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sumner,

Thank you for selecting the Four Seasons Resort Hualalai for your upcoming visit. Please take a moment to review the following details:

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sumner

Guest Name Arrival Date Arrival Flight Departure Date Departure Flight

Thursday, August 2, 2007 Please email us your Arrival Time Friday, August 10, 2007 Please email us your Departure Time

2 Adults

Number of Nights

Ocean Front Guest Room \$ 1064.00 USD plus taxes

Room Type Room Rate

All rates are per night and subject to 11.416% tax, which includes occupancy and some state taxes

Number of Adults Number of Children Method of Guarantee

MC ********19147 Exp Date: 01/09

Deposit Received Confirmation Number \$3192.00

Confirmed Requests:

505390 Non Smoking, King Bed

Additional Requests

Kings Pond Cresent, High Floor requested

We will do our best to meet your additional requests but please understand that these are not quaranteed

The package includes Accomodation and a daily breakfast buffet for two at Pahu i'a restaurant or one of our complete breakfast for two through through In-Room Dining (tax and gratuity included).

Your reservation is guaranteed. Should it be necessary to cancel or amend this reservation, please notify the Resort at least 28 days prior to the date of arrival. Cancellation or No show of the entire reservation within the cancellation period will result in the forfeiture of the entire deposit. A reduction of confirmed room nights or a complete date change within the cancellation period is subject to a penalty up to the amount of three nights room rate. Early departures are assessed a fee equal to one night's room rate.

Please note our check-in time is 3:00 pm and check-out time is 12:00 noon. We will try to accommodate your special requests and preferences, however, we can only guarantee a specific room category. Room locations cannot be guaranteed.

In accordance with Hawaii State Law, Four Seasons Resort Hualalai offers a smoke-free resort stay. All guest rooms, guest room lanai (patios/terraces), restaurants, lounges, pool, and other Public areas will now be Smoke-Free.

Should you wish for us to arrange your transfer by taxi van, sedan, SUV or Limousine to or from the airport to our Resort, please <u>email us</u> and we will be delighted to take care of all your details. Please be advised that a 24-hour cancellation policy is applicable to all transportaion request.

We look forward to welcoming you back to our Resort. Please do not hesitate to call our Reservations Department toll free (US/Canada) at 1 (888) 340-5662, 1 (808) 325-8000, or email us if we may be of further assistance.

Aloha, Uilani Schieber Reservations Agent

DINING

The Resort's signature beachfront Pahu i'a (aquarium) restaurant serves Contemporary Pacific Cuisine. Beach Tree Bar & Grill offers grilled favorites in a casual atmosphere. On Saturdays, enjoy Surf, Sand, & Stars - a barbecue buffet on the beach - complete with star gazing and s'more-making. Wednesday night features Italian specialties. The Hualalai Grille by Alan Wong features the latest creations in Hawai'i Regional Cuisine. Ask about our Romantic Dinner on the Beach and Family Dinner on the Beach options

SPA & FITNESS

Voted #1 Resort Spa by the readers of *Travel + Leisure* and *Conde Nast Traveler*, <u>Hualalai Sports Club & Spa</u> offers a selection of massage and body treatments, wellness programs, cardio-vascular equipment, exercise classes, steam and sauna, cold plunge pool, climbing wall, and weight and aerobics facilities. Outdoor massage hale (huts) surrounded by trickling waterfalls bring the "outside in," allowing nature to play a role in the relaxation and healing process. Nearby is <u>Hualalai Tennis Club</u>, an eight-court facility with Rebound Ace surfaced courts, four of which are lit for evening play.

GOLF

Golfers in search of the perfect blend of nature and challenge have found their niche at <u>Hualalai Golf Club</u>. Set against an exhilarating natural backdrop, the 18-hole signature Jack Nicklaus course is the first in Hawai'i to be designated a PGA TOUR facility and plays host to the annual PGA TOUR Champions Tour MasterCard Championship through 2008.

POOLS

Our Resort features five distinct swimming pools - Sea Shell pool, a free-form infinity edged pool with adjacent sand-bottomed kids pool; Beach Tree pool, a traditional rectangular pool of multi-hued blue tiles surrounded by a wooden deck; Palm Grove, an adults-only oval pool; the spa's lap pool; and King's Pond. Historic anchialine pools once used for aquaculture inspired King's Pond, a 2.5 million gallon lava rock snorkeling "aquarium" is carved out of ancient rock formations and home to more than 4,000 tropical fish including three Spotted Eagle







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Warm trade winds stir cool canopies of monkey pod, and the azure ocean races up against natural white sand and ink-black lava, as ancient as the islands- **Four Seasons Resort Hualalai** - celebrating 10 fabulous years on Hawaii'i's Big Island.

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